



Carving Sets Bread Knives

OF everything in your home, there is nothing else which is so hard for you to tell if it is really good, as cutlery.

THE material in a carving set or bread knife is only a small part of the cost. The tempering and grinding costs far more and is of equal or greater importance.

OUR knowledge of these goods is such that we give an absolute guarantee of satisfaction with every article we sell. Not only are such goods less expensive in the long run when bought at our store, but you have the added satisfaction which every true woman enjoys in having good good things in her home.

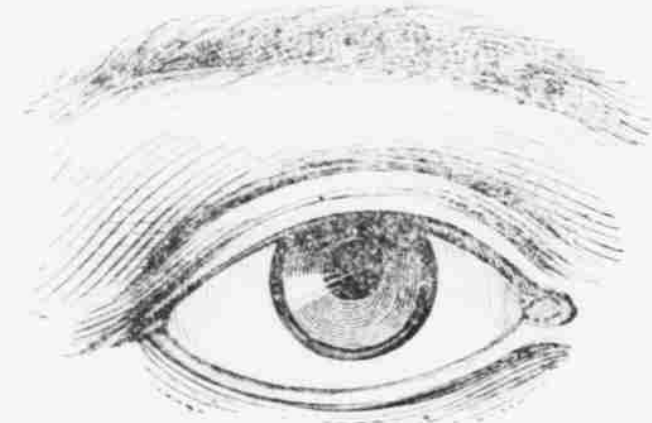
WATKINS HARDWARE COMPANY.

THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS FOR HELPING TO MAKE OUR SANTA CLAUS OPENING

Such a success November 15th.
It was most gratifying to see the
large crowds that attended. : :

Henderson Book Co.
THE LEADERS IN TOYS AND CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES.

Eye Strain Means Headache.



Headache means inability. Inability means a grudge. Come to me and I will fit you with glasses that will remove the cause—Eye-strain—and change you from a pessimist to an optimist. Let me help you to enjoy life.

H. W. MIXON,

Jeweler and Optician.

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

Henderson Ticket Office and Baggage Room Open
at all Hours Both Day and Night.
Telephone No. 236F.

Schedule Effective April. 9, 1911.

PASSENGER TRAINS DUE TO LEAVE HENDERSON AS FOLLOWS

No. 81—Southbound—1:20 A. M. FLORIDA CURA SPECIAL. Steel Electric-lighted Pullman Drawing Room Sleeping Cars between New York and Tampa. Electric-lighted Pullman Drawing Room Sleeper Portsmouth to Charlotte. Dining Car Service between New York and Washington, Washington and Richmond, Hamlet and New Smyrna.

No. 84—Northbound—2:13 A. M. SEABOARD EAST MAIL. Steel Electric-lighted Pullman Drawing Room Sleeping Cars between New York and Jacksonville, between New York and Atlanta. Dining Car Service Washington to Hamlet on Train No. 43 and Hamlet to Richmond and Richmond to Washington on train No. 66.

No. 13—Southbound—4:35 P. M. ATLANTA-BIRMINGHAM SPECIAL. Steel Electric-lighted Pullman Drawing Room Sleeper between New York and Memphis. Dining Car between New York and Washington, Hamlet and Birmingham, and on train No. 32 Richmond to Washington. Trains 33-32 connect with trains 92-93 at Norfolk.

No. 66—Northbound—1:34 P. M. THE SEABOARD MAIL. Local train composed of Day Coaches, and Parlor Car between Portsmouth, Norfolk and Charlotte, Wilmington, Birmingham, Atlanta, Memphis and points West, connecting at Portsmouth with Steamer for Washington, Baltimore, New York, Boston and Providence, connecting at Raleigh with N. & S., R. & S. and Southern Railway points.

No. 33—Southbound—2:38 A. M. SHOO-FLY. Local between Raleigh and Weldon, connecting at Raleigh and Weldon for Eastern North Carolina points.

No. 32—Northbound—3:59 A. M.

No. 41—Southbound—2:23 P. M.

No. 38—Northbound—1:06 P. M.

No. 29—Southbound—8:54 A. M.

No. 30—Northbound—7:27 P. M.

SCHEDULE OF TRAINS OPERATING BETWEEN HENDERSON, DURHAM AND OXFORD.

Leave Henderson for Durham—7:45 A. M. 2:35 P. M., connecting with Southern Ry. trains for Greensboro, Asheville and other Western North Carolina cities.

Arrive at Henderson from Durham—12:50 P. M. 8:10 P. M.

Leave Henderson for Oxford—9:15 A. M. 2:35 P. M. 7:30 P. M.

Arrive at Henderson from Oxford—8:45 A. M. 12:50 P. M. 6:50 P. M.

For rates, Tim. Tables, Pullman Reservation or information consult Seaboard Ticket Agent, or address,

C. B. RYAN, H. S. LEARD,

General Passenger Agent, Division Passenger Agent,

Portsmouth, Va., Raleigh, N. C.

Be Sure To Read the **Business Locals.**

TOWN GOVERNMENT.

Meeting of the National Municipal League—Review of discussions in the Gold Leaf—Plans for progress.

The editor of the Gold Leaf sent me to Richmond last week (at my own expense) to report the seventeenth annual meeting of the National Municipal League. Since my return I have been gratified to learn that I might also have been "sent" by the Civic League of the town. In writing this notice I shall consider myself reporter for the League as well as for the Gold Leaf.

The meetings of the League were held in the Jefferson Hotel, beginning on Monday evening, and continuing until noon on the following Thursday. There were in attendance about sixty delegates and members, and there were presented not less than twenty papers, dealing with various phases of municipal life and activity. Many of those who took part in the program were of national reputation, such as Hon. Charles J. Bonaparte, former Attorney General of the United States, Prof. Charles E. Merriam, University of Chicago, Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, Harvard University. It was no small honor that Attorney T. M. Pittman, of our town, was given a place on this program. His valuable paper, which called forth many favorable comments, will appear in these columns, beginning next week, and should be carefully studied by all who are interested in civic righteousness.

It would be impossible in a brief report to give an adequate idea of the ground that was covered in the discussions. The titles of a few of the papers will suggest their intensely practical nature: "American Municipal Progress;" "The Problems of the Small Cities, Especially in the South;" "Antitoxin for Municipal Waste and Corruption;" "Municipal Finances and Health;" "Housing, Health, and Morals;" "Civic Education;" "Police and Liquor Problems." The papers will be published in the quarterly reports of the League, and will constitute an encyclopedia of civic information. They should be made available to the citizens of this and every other community in the land.

I shall endeavor to sum up my impressions of the meeting under the following three heads:

1. Scientific Management in Municipal Affairs. Special attention is called to that portion of Mr. Pittman's paper dealing with this question. The hand of the scientific expert is seen everywhere today except in the conduct of public business. Our great corporations would become bankrupt in a year if their business were placed in the hands of the blundering, incompetent, not to say unscrupulous, officials who direct our civil affairs. Our moral and material resources can never be conserved till we become sane enough to put the public business of our cities in the control of experts responsible to the public will.

2. The Commission Form of Government. To bring about the above named results, there must be adequate municipal machinery. This we have in the commission form of government. On this point the committee of experts and the entire membership of the league are agreed. The old form of city government, composed of councilmen and mayor, has failed miserably. "It is guaranteed to fail."

The commission form of government, resorted to eleven years ago by the stricken city of Galveston, and since adopted by 140 American cities, is simple, easy of operation, and has proved itself the most effective instrument yet discovered for correcting civic abuses. Gov. Wilson says it cannot be a mere accident that the best governed cities in the world have the commission form. There is no essential feature of this plan of government that is novel or untried. It consists merely of a commission, composed of a small number of men, usually five, elected by the city at large, with authority to fill all minor offices and to conduct the entire business of the city. These commissioners employ an expert city manager who receives a salary, and devotes his entire time to the public business. (In large cities a board of such experts is required.) This plan makes it possible for the leading citizens of a community to accept positions on the commission, for their time under this arrangement is not consumed with administrative details.

The commission form makes

possible the "short ballot"—voters become confused or indifferent if there are too many candidates to be elected. It prevents politics from coming into town government. Neither a man's political nor church views should be considered in connection with his qualifications for municipal office. We select a cobbler not because of his theological opinions but for his ability to mend shoes. What is also highly important, we can have under the commission form concentrated, together with increased capacity in city administration—one official doing well what formerly a number did poorly. The plan will also make impossible that abominable relic of barbarism, still recognized by the President of the United States, the "spoils system," by which the public money has been squandered among political office holders. It introduces instead the merit system, by which offices are given to the men or women best qualified to fill them.

3. Education in Civic Affairs. This is the third question upon which the League laid mighty emphasis. The paper by Arthur W. Dunn, of New York, on "Civic Education," is worthy of the widest reading. The same point is emphasized in the last division of Mr. Pittman's paper. Heretofore the people in this country, as well as in Russia, have not ruled. Political bosses, with machinery adapted to their ends, have prevented a free expression of the popular will. The people have not been allowed to select their own representatives. They have been restricted to the privilege of voting for the men named by their bosses. But conditions are rapidly changing. The day of doom is near for that class of our politicians who consider the people a mob, incapable of self-government. The people are destined to rule. The character of their rule will be determined by the character of the citizenship. There can be no effective citizenship without adequate education. The quality of citizenship can, to a great extent, be determined by the teaching of civics in the schools. Here, as elsewhere, we have been teaching our children the non-essentials, leaving them pitifully ignorant of the great realities of life. Our colleges are doing little to train for citizenship. Our lower schools are doing almost nothing. Instead of teaching the old "Civic Government," the child should be familiarized with the government of his own town, and should be taught his obligations to participate in the same.

The foregoing are the views of others. I close with a suggestion of my own. I have waited for weeks to make it. I have followed with keenest interest the recent discussions of our town government. The writers in the Gold Leaf forced us to the conclusion, if we had not reached it before, that our municipal administration is sick. They rendered an important service in making us familiar with the symptoms of the disease. We should complete the diagnosis and endeavor to find the remedy. To enable us better to do this work, let us organize among the men of the town a Progressive Municipal League, to work in conjunction with the woman's Civic League, toward the solution of our problem.

Some of those who discussed our local government suggested that the cause of failure might be found in a lack of knowledge of large business enterprises or of "practical" political methods on the part of individual councilmen. It is a notorious fact that the Ship of State has almost been run aground by men who possess just this knowledge. As a rule success in big business and in "practical" politics is a guarantee of unfitness for real public service. The men who are now leading in movements for municipal reform are usually men who have had little connection with practical business or practical politics, but have studied from a scientific view-point the problems of the day. Now, as always, the reformers have been found among the students. The "practical" man is too busy to institute reform.

Manifestly, the first work of such a league as we are proposing would be the education of its own members. In our civic affairs we have already amply demonstrated that blind leadership of the blind tends inevitably toward the ditch. Our first need would be a library, giving the best expert opinion and information in every department of municipal affairs. Such a library could easily be provided through

(Continued on page eight.)

HENDERSON DIRECTORY.

VERY LOW PRICES.

On Lumber, Lime, Shingles
Doors, Windows, Frames, Oak
Mantels, Tiles, Cahill Grates.
JOHN B. WATKINS.

F. E. PERKINS, M. D.

TELEPHONE 16.

9 TO 10

AND

BY APPOINTMENT.

H. L. PERRY.

Attorney at Law.

Henderson, N. C.

Office 137 - - - Main Street

BARBER SHOP.

Two Good Barbers
at your Service.

Your Patronage Solicited.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

I. W. PHELPS,

111 Garnett St. Keller's Old Stand.

Who Said It?

Rounder—"Wonder who said, 'Home is what we make it.'"
Mrs. Rounder—"I'll warrant it was some man who could make it before 3 a. m."—Boston Transcript.

One good laugh is worth a dozen frowns.

The name may be a little unfamiliar to you and hard to remember, but it's

JONES.

Try to bear it in mind.

Office at Jones-Store Printing Company

HENRY PERRY.
INSURANCE.

A strong line of both LIFE AND FIRE COMPANIES represented. Policies issued and risk placed to best advantage.

Office : : : in Courthouse

FRANCIS A. MACON.
DENTAL SURGEON.

Office in Young Block.

Office hours: 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. 3 to 6 p. m.
Residence Phone 152-2 Office Phone 152-1
Estimates furnished when desired. No charge for examination.

CALL ON

H. O. Falkner.

Andrews avenue, for
your Groceries, all
your Feed Stuffs and
Country Produce.

Free Delivery.

PHONE NO. 17.

INSURANCE!

We have tried to show you a few of the many kinds of insurance. There are others of just as much value. We write them all, and are glad to explain any of them at any time.

PHONE NO. 137.

HENDERSON LOAN & REAL ESTATE COMPANY.

Biggest and Best Stock

—OF—

COAL AND WOOD

EVER IN HENDERSON,

—AND THE—

PRICES ARE RIGHT.

Phone No. 30

J. S. POYTHRESS

REMEMBER

The Old Dorsey Drug Store.

His specialty is the **FILLING OF PRESCRIPTIONS.** The selling of Drugs, Chemicals, Druggists' Sundries, Patent Medicines, Cigars, Chewing and Smoking Tobacco, Paints, Oils, Paint Brushes, &c., has been his business since childhood. All kinds of Garden and Field Seed in season. I have Nyal's Agency for full line of Family Remedies. Also "Fulton's Renal Compound," the greatest kidney medicine known. If you need Radium Spray I have it. Also Sprays for Paris Green and other germicides.

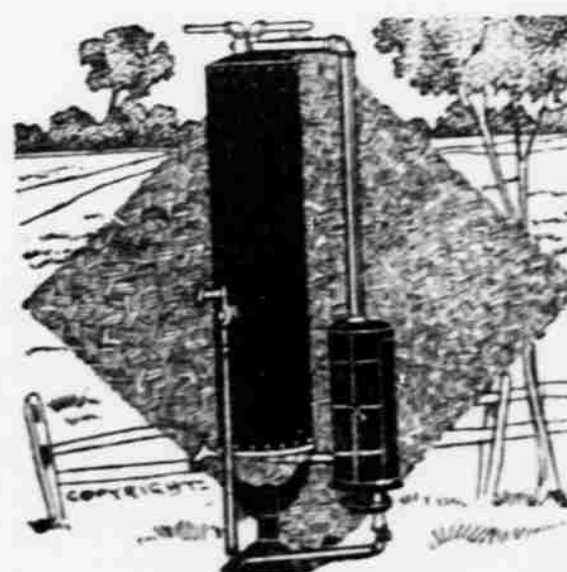
MELVILLE DORSEY.

Good Work Shows

wherever the plumbing is exposed but the most delicate operations are often concealed.

We Do Expert Plumbing

We have no delays and work on a job at the rate of sixty-one minutes to the hour.



H. R. FUTRELL.

Main Street, next door to Henderson Grocery Company.